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e application of: CADIENTE et al.

Attorney Docket No.: SMBRP001

Application No.: 10/017,893

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	64	MINUS	37	27	x 9 =	x 18 = \$486.00
Independent Claims	11	MINUS	9	2	x 42 =	x 84 = \$168.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
				Total	\$	\$654.00

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month extension(s) of time to respond to the

aforementioned Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMBRP001).

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claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed amendment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. SMBRP001).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be considered in light of this preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.